The last weekend in April!
Come home to Fort Defiance!

Mark the date on your calendar now!

When it is Springtime in the Valley, there is no more beautiful place on Earth. Dogwoods in bloom and cool nights. And you don't have to wear those hot wool pants in the daytime!

Once more, AMA brothers and friends will gather to chew over old times while different classes will vie to claim that theirs was the best class or that things were rougher for them than for other classes. There will be a million memories to unfurl and relive.

Come Thursday evening to see faculty members you will remember at the Opening reception. On Friday, play golf or go for the sporting clay shoot. Or visit the birthplace of President Woodrow Wilson and see the World War One exhibit there. (We will be honoring our alumni who gave their lives in that war 100 years ago)

You can travel to Waynesboro to Fishburne's Dress Parade. And you can join your friends in the Old Stone Church Cemetery as we salute the Roller Family and read off the names of our WW I KIAs. And the names of our friends who have passed away since the last reunion. Enjoy lunch in the AMA Gymnasium and visit our pristine little museum. Shop at the PX, take part in the raffles for two different weapons and participate in the Silent Auction.

Most of all, spend time with old and new friends! Many hours at the Reunion Plaza at the Holiday Inn where you can sit, drink, snack and talk. Walk around the campus and see Big Barracks, that dear old lady, up close.

Yes, a reunion is the time to remember all the things from the past, good and bad. But it is also a time to look forward.

To think about the future of our museum. To come up with ideas for future reunions. To make plans to go on the Roller Riders bike trip next year or to plan a mini-reunion in your home area.

This reunion is planned so that there is plenty of time for socializing. The schedule may look full, but if you aren't golfing or shooting or taking a side trip to Staunton or Waynesboro, there are many hours to just be together.

We can all remember the tears being shed on the last day of school. Some cried then, some cried later. Very few hard hearts walked away from the Blacktop without a lump in their throats. Seeing all these guys for maybe the last time after having lived with them for four or three or two years.

Come back to Fort Defiance in April!

The memories will come floating back and overwhelm you. See you there!

Register before 10 March and save!

Golf or Clay Shoot on Friday 28 April

Museum Leader Duke Fancher has died

Final schedule, Reunion 2017

THURSDAY 27 APRIL

10 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

Noon - 4:00 PM . Registration, Tower of Power and 50/50 begins
PX open Reunion Plaza

6:00 PM . . . . . Opening reception, The Club at Ironwood
Recognition of former AMA faculty, Fishburne alumni welcome

7:00 PM . . . . . Dinner, The Club at Ironwood

8:00 PM - Midnight . . . . . Hospitality Hours, PX open, 50/50,
Tower of Power Reunion Plaza

FRIDAY 28 APRIL

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM . . . . . Registration, Reunion Plaza

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM . . . . . Coffee service, Reunion Plaza

8:00 AM . . . . . Golfers depart for Waynesboro Country Club

9:00 AM . . . PX open, Tower of Power, 50/50, Reunion Plaza

9:00 AM . . . . . AMA Open, Waynesboro Country Club
Contact **Paul Poluito, `73** at cpp2q@virginia.edu

9:00 AM . . . . . Depart for Woodrow Wilson birthplace
(Car pools suggested)

9:30 AM . . . . . Tour Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and
Presidential Library, World War One exhibit
followed by luncheon at The Depot

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon . . Sporting Clay Shoot, The Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact **Blaine Clarke, `72** at Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net

12 Noon - 3:00 PM . . . . . Refreshments, Reunion Plaza

3:00 PM . . . . . Silent Auction begins, Reunion Plaza

6:00 PM . . . . . Open Bar, Holiday Inn Ballrooms

7:00 PM . . . . . Awards Banquet, **Steve Trent, `70**, emcee
AMA Alumni Medals, Sports Hall of Fame, Legacy Scholarships,
AMA Open golf results, Sporting Clay results
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:00 - Midnight . . Open bar, PX, Silent Auction, Tower of Power,
50/50 Reunion Plaza

All functions at the Holiday Inn unless otherwise noted

Register early and save!

Details on Registration Form

REUNION 2017
LOOKING FORWARD
LOOKING BACK...
AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY 29 APRIL

9:00 - 10:00 AM . . . . . Breakfast on your own

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

10:00 AM . . . . . Depart for Fishburne Dress Parade
(Car pools suggested)

10:45 AM . . . . . Fishburne Dress Parade
Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro

12:15 PM . . . . . Depart Fishburne

1:00 PM . . . . . Lunch in the AMA Memorial Gymnasium
Colors posted by Fishburne Color Guard

2:00 PM . . . . . Colors dismissed

2:00 PM . . . . . Alumni Association Board meets
All alumni welcome! AMA Memorial Gymnasium

3:30 PM . . . . . Founder's Day, **Rick Smail, `67**, emcee
Honoring Roller and Livick families, World War One KIAs,
alumni who passed away since Reunion 2016
Color Guard, Honor Guard and Taps, Fishburne Military School
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery

6:00 PM . . . . . Open bar, Reunion Plaza

7:00 PM . . . . . Closing Banquet
Speaker: **Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard**
Introduced by **John Botcheller, `67**

8:00 PM . . . . . Silent Auction ends, Reunion Plaza

After dinner until Midnight . . . . . Open bar, Reunion Plaza

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

11:00 AM . . . . . Regular Sunday morning worship service
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

12 Noon . . . Roller Riders depart from in front of Big Barracks

'17 AMA Alumni Medal nominations sought

For the past nineteen years, the AMA Alumni Medal has been awarded to those who have either done some "big" thing for the Alumni Foundation or Association, or made a major contributon through a series of smaller actions. The Medal or Medals will be awarded at the Friday night banquet during the 2017 reunion.

Nominations should be sent to AMA ALUMNI MEDAL, P.O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. Or to AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net.

Deadline to receive nominations is 3 March.

On 100th anniversary, WW One KIAs honored

On the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War One, eight Augusta men who died in the "war to end all wars" will be remembered during Founder's Day ceremonies in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetary on Saturday 29 April. Emcee **Rick Smail, `67**, will lead the ceremony which will also remember the service of **General Roller** in the war.

On Friday morning, alumni will have the opportunity of touring the Staunton birthplace of Woodrow Wilson who was President during the war. There is a special World War One display at the Museum including a lifelike experience in a replica World War One trench. Following the tour, lunch will be served at The Depot in Staunton. **The $35 fee will cover the Museum tour, Wilson's birthplace and the luncheon, including gratuities.**

Sign up for the tour on the registration form found inside the back page.

THE 2017 AMA OPEN
AT LAST YEAR'S VENUE

Friday 28 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start

A four-person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation. All are welcome! Men, ladies and teens

Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins! 1st, 2nd and Last Place Prizes awarded plus Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Best Putt.

Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! $10 per mulligan, limit two per player.

WAYNESBORO COUNTRY CLUB

FEES: $100* PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES 18 HOLES, GREEN FEES, CART RENTAL, BOX LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS, GOODY BAG AND A DONATION TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION

* Includes two Mulligans

We need your help in getting things for the Goody Bags.
Golf balls, tees, towels, caps, umbrellas and we'll even take CASH!
Contact PAUL POLUITO, `73, at cpp2q@virginia.edu

Thanks to Paul for hosting the AMA Open at his club – The Waynesboro Country Club

Sign up form for the 2017 AMA Open

Name and Class _____ Phone (___) _____ E-mail _____

Snail mail address _____

Handicap or last three scores ___ Will play with anyone ☐ OR team me with _____

_____ and _____

We have a foursome _____ and _____

_____ and _____

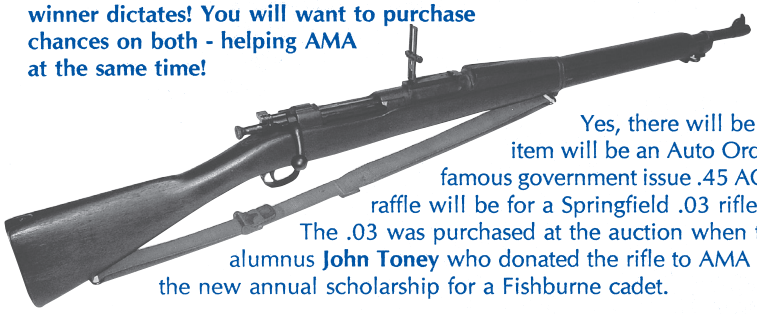
Make check payable to:
AMA Alumni Foundation
Mail form and check to:
AMA Golf, P. O. Box 100,
Fort Defiance, VA 24437
Photocopy will be accepted

We expect to have players from some of our rival military schools! SMA, FMS, Fork Union, Massanutten and Stuart Hall! More fun!

TWO WEAPON RAFFLES AT REUNION 2017

At Reunion 2017, you will have two separate opportunities to own a very special weapon. A Springfield 1903 which actually was once carried by an AMA cadet and a .45 pistol to be engraved as the winner dictates! You will want to purchase chances on both - helping AMA at the same time!

Have your pistol engraved at no extra cost!



Yes, there will be two raffles at the reunion. One item will be an Auto Ordinance M1911a1 replica of the famous government issue .45 ACP, pictured above. The second raffle will be for a Springfield .03 rifle once carried by AMA cadets. The .03 was purchased at the auction when the school closed by Fishburne alumnus **John Toney** who donated the rifle to AMA with the proceeds to help fund the new annual scholarship for a Fishburne cadet.

There will be two separate raffles then. One for the .03 with proceeds going to fund the AMA Scholarship for a Fishburne cadet. And a second raffle of the .45 replica which will include any engraving that the winner might desire with proceeds to AMA. Tickets for each raffle are $20 each or six for $100.

Bob Gooch video project continues at Reunion 2017

Bob Gooch, '70, is continuing to edit the videos he shot at last year's reunion and will have a "loop display" for Reunion 2017. In addition, he plans to shoot more footage during this year's reunion.

He did some fifteen interviews with alumni at last year's reunion and is putting them together as a verbal history of AMA.

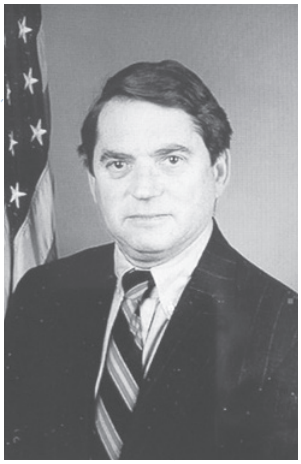
Gooch hopes to have his camera set up on Saturday 29 April to capture some more video history of our beloved school.

Duke Fancher, `57, has passed away

Just before Christmas, **Trion Duke Fancher, `57**, passed away after a heart attack following a long illness. The Battalion Commander his senior year, Duke and the late **Goodloe Saunders, `56**, were the founders of the AMA Museum.

After retiring from the Washington *Post*, Duke began to devote his time to protecting AMA's legacy. After making daily trips between his home in Arlington and Fort Defiance he planned to move to the Valley to devote full time to the Museum but ill health intervened. Complete story in the post reunion *Bayonet*.

Ambassador Hubbard to speak



Former U.S. Ambassador **Thomas Hubbard** will speak at the Saturday night banquet during Reunion 2017.

Hubbard was the American Ambassador to South Korea 2001 to 2004 and to The Philippines 1996 to 2001. He will be introduced by **John Botcheller, `67**, who served as Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director of CitiBank, Korea. Ambassador Hubbard is a member of the American Academy of Diplomacy. He received the State Department's Superior Honor Award and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

The Roller Riders will leave on their post reunion ride at Noon Sunday 30 April from in front of Big Barracks. Contact Rick Smail, '67, at: ricksmail@earthlink.net

Sporting Clay Shoot on Reunion Friday

The annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on Friday 28 April during Reunion 2017 with the start time set at Noon at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg.

Chairman **Blaine Clarke, `72**, says that all reunion attendees and AMA friends are invited to shoot: alumni, ladies, teens. Trophies will be awarded and you can either bring your own weapon or one will be furnished to you.

To take part in the shoot, contact Blaine at: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net

Nominations sought for '17 Sports Hall of Fame

Nominations are being sought for the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. This will be the ninth year for alumni and AMA coaches to be inducted into our Sports Hall of Fame. The 2017 inductees will be installed at the Friday night banquet on 28 April. A seven judge panel will make the final selections.

Past honorees performed at a high skill rate at AMA or in college or the pros after Augusta as players, coaches or in sports journalism. Deadline for submission of nominations is 3 March 2017. Send nominations to *The Bayonet*, 1687 Schillers Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Or to AMABayonet@aol.com. Or FAX to 916/817-8596.

Those selected will be asked to be in attendance for their induction into the Hall.

The Silent Auction

Here is the place to find something you didn't know you needed! In past years, we have had airline tickets, weeks at beautiful condos, antique and modern weapons, art, handmade quilts and unique AMA "stuff." Don't you have something to put in this year's auction? LET US KNOW!

REUNION 2017 LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK...

The AMA PX

Everything that you have seen featured in the AMA PX will be on sale on the Reunion Plaza at the Holiday Inn and at the AMA Museum. Stock up on sweat shirts, caps, T-shirts, hoodies, AMA blankets, patches, belt buckles, AMA Challenge coins and more.

YOU'LL BE GETTING SOME UNIQUE ITEMS WHILE SUPPORTING THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION!

50/50

Write your name on a five dollar bill, drop it in the pot. Saturday evening we'll draw out one bill. If your name is on the bill, you get half of what is in the pot and AMA gets the other half! In previous years, the pot has held as much as $900 - $450 for the winner and $450 for AMA. 50/50!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016

We are holding our own and beginning to pick up our giving to protect and extend AMA's legacy. Thanks to each of you for stepping up to the plate!

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John Maragon, FMS
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Miscellaneous
Bruce Nicholson, '62
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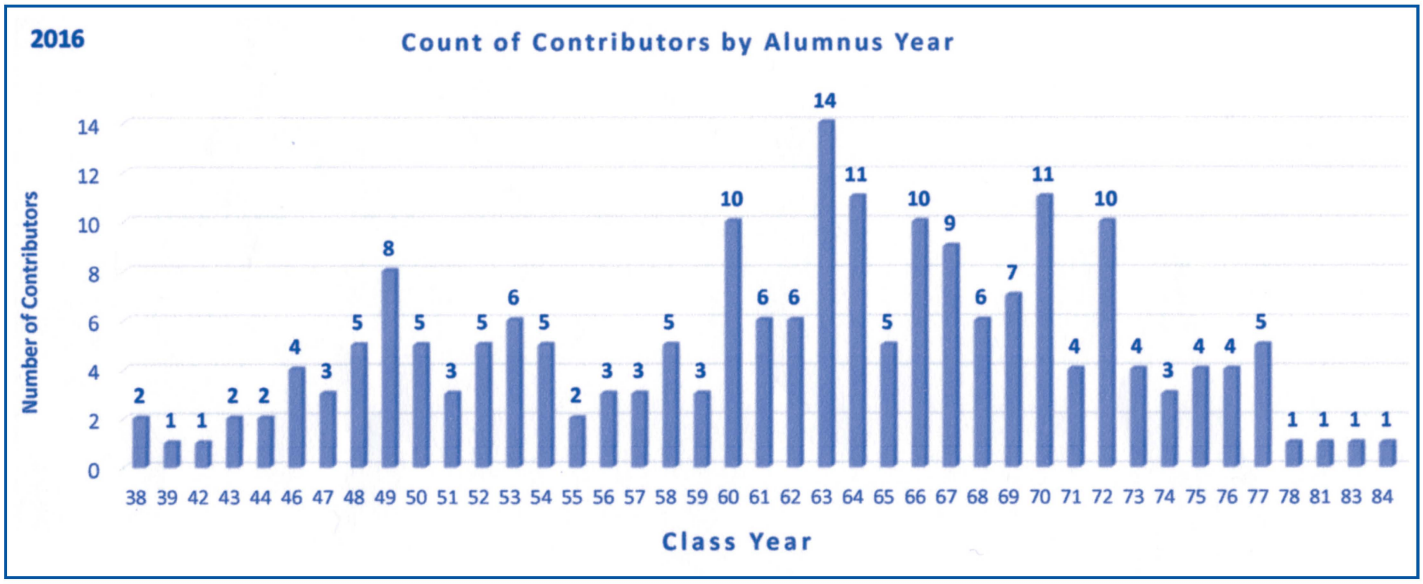

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Brian McCabe, '72
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Ed Longmire, '68
Dave Lowman, '63
George Metz
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Robin Ninn, '84
Charles Raines
Clarence Reynolds, '66
Hollis Rulon, '50
Rex Rumley, '69
John Steciw, '59
Nick Syropoulos, '69
Charlotte (Mrs. George, '54) Trible
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John Younger, '43

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Name to appear on name tag:_____

Guest name(s) for nametag(s) & age(s) if children:_____

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Children 13 – 17 half price! 12 and under – FREE!

27, 28, 29 April 2017
Ft. Defiance, Virginia

Questions? Phone (540) 248 – 3007
Or email augustamilitaryacademy@verizon.net

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Signature_____

Fax to (540) 248-4533

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Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
(540) 248-6020

REUNION 2017
LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK...
AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ENTIRE REUNION WEEKEND PACKAGE

Hospitality Room, Thursday Dinner,
Friday Night Banquet, Saturday Luncheon,
Saturday Evening Banquet
Day trip not included.

Before 10 March –	$165 for single, $330 for couple
11 Mar – Apr 1	$175 for single, $350 for couple
After April 1 –	$185 for single, $370 for couple

Amount:_____

SPECIFIC EVENTS

Thursday Dinner (27th)
The Club at Ironwood
$40 preregistered/$50 at the door
Amount:_____

Friday Day Trip (28th)
Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Tour with World War One exhibit–$35
Lunch at The Depot included.
Amount:_____

Friday Night Banquet (28th)
Holiday Inn, Includes Hospitality Room
$45 preregistered/$55 at the door
Amount:_____

Saturday Luncheon (29th)
AMA Gym
$45
Amount:_____

Saturday Evening Banquet (29th)
Holiday Inn, Includes Hospitality Room
$50 preregistered/$60 at the door
Amount:_____

Donations:

Bayonet Fund Amount:_____
Scholarship Fund Amount:_____
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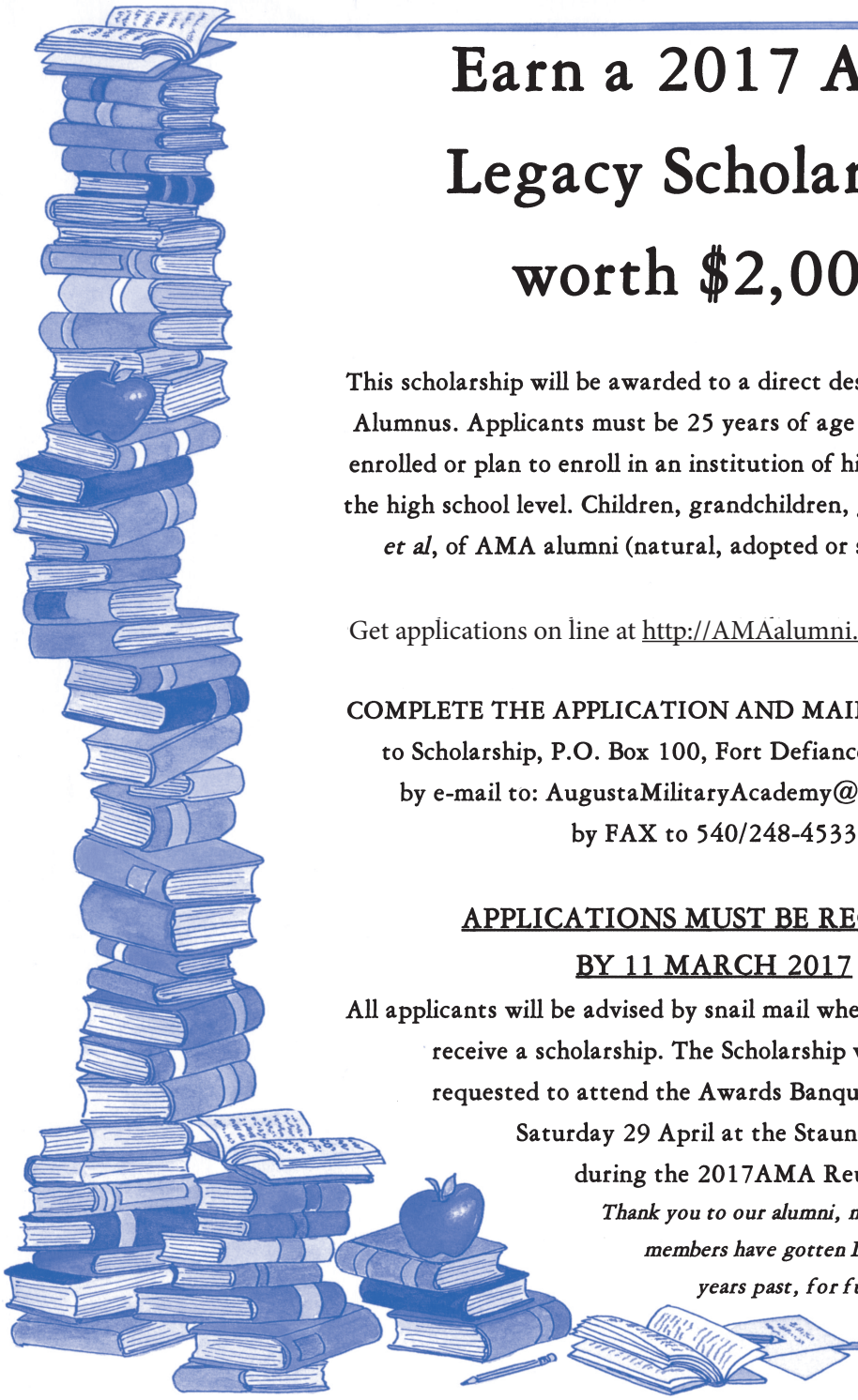

Earn a 2017 AMA Legacy Scholarship worth $2,000!

This scholarship will be awarded to a direct descendant of an AMA Alumnus. Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an institution of higher learning above the high school level. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, *et al*, of AMA alumni (natural, adopted or step) are eligible.

Get applications on line at http://AMAalumni.org/scholarships/

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND MAIL, FAX OR E-MAIL to Scholarship, P.O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437 OR by e-mail to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net OR by FAX to 540/248-4533

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11 MARCH 2017

All applicants will be advised by snail mail whether or not they will receive a scholarship. The Scholarship winner will be requested to attend the Awards Banquet at 7 PM on Saturday 29 April at the Staunton Holiday Inn during the 2017AMA Reunion.

Thank you to our alumni, many of whose family members have gotten Legacy Scholarships in years past, for funding our 2017 award.